May 28, 1987

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FROM:

Frank Filas

RE:

Site Inspection, M/037/022, Small Fry Mine

On April 29, 1987, Frank Filas and Frank Jensen of the Division and Terry McParland of the BLM met with Bob Shumway of W.K. Enterprises onsite at the Small Fry Mine. This underground uranium operation has been on standby, since November of 1986. This site consists of a narrow pad-road area, several secured adits, and a small dry. The shop area is built into the side of the cliff. There is a relatively small waste pile on the south end of the main pad area and immediately below the upper adit.

Most of the disturbance onsite is attributable to the low-grade ore stockpile that Rio Algom is shipping to their plant. Mr. Shumway was under the impression that Rio Algom was responsible for the eventual reclamation of the stockpile area. This area is part of the Small Fry permit area, and if reclaimed, may qualify the Small Fry Mine for small mine status (i.e., less than five acres).

The Division will check with Rio Algom later this summer to determine what reclamation liability Rio Algom has, and what their plans are for the area.

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cc: L. Braxton
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